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Annotations

Item 1
Opening of the session

The thirty-third session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women will be opened by the Chairperson of the Committee.

Item 2
Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

Rule 9 of the rules of procedure provides that the first substantive item on the provisional agenda for any session shall be the adoption of the agenda. Rule 7 provides that the provisional agenda for each session shall be prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson, in conformity with the relevant provisions of articles 17 to 22 of the Convention.

At its thirty-second session the Committee approved the provisional agenda for its thirty-third session.

Documentation

Provisional agenda and annotations (CEDAW/C/2005/II/1)

Item 3
Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-second and thirty-third sessions of the Committee

Under this item, the Chairperson will brief the Committee on activities and events occurring since the previous session that had a bearing on the Committee's work.

Item 4
Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 18 of the Convention provides that States parties to the Convention shall undertake to submit to the Secretary-General, for consideration by the Committee, a report on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures that they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the Convention and other progress made in this respect. Reports are to be submitted within one year after the entry into force of the Convention for the State concerned and thereafter at least every four years and further whenever the Committee requests.

At its thirty-second session, the Committee, taking into account the criteria of preference to be given to those States parties whose reports had been pending for the longest time, the need to give priority to initial reports and the desirability of balance of reports in terms of geographic and other factors, decided to invite eight States parties to present their reports. Eight States parties agreed to this request.

At its thirty-third session, the Committee will have before it the following reports: the initial report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/PRK/1); the initial and second periodic reports of Lebanon (CEDAW/C/LBN/1 and CEDAW/C/LBN/2); the combined initial, second and third periodic report of Benin (CEDAW/C/BEN/1-3); the combined initial, second and third periodic report of

Gambia (CEDAW/C/GMB/1-3); the third periodic report of Israel (CEDAW/C/ISR/3); the combined third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Guyana (CEDAW/C/GUY/3-6); the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Burkina Faso (CEDAW/C/BFA/4-5); and the combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Ireland (CEDAW/C/IRL/4-5).

Rule 51 of the rules of procedure provides that representatives of a State party shall be present at meetings of the Committee when the report of the State is being examined and shall participate in discussions and answer questions concerning the reports. The Secretary-General has informed the States parties concerned of the tentative dates on which their reports are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-third session.

Rule 49 of the rules of procedure provides that, at each session, the Secretary-General shall notify the Committee of the non-receipt of any report required from a State party under article 18 of the Convention. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention. The Secretary-General also provides the Committee with a list of reports submitted by States parties to the Convention that have not yet been considered by the Committee.

At its thirty-third session the Committee will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the status of submission of reports by States parties under article 18 of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2005/II/2).

A pre-session working group of the Committee is convened before each session to prepare a list of issues and questions relating to reports for transmission to the representatives of States parties before the meetings at which their reports are to be considered. The pre-session working group for the thirty-third session met in New York from 31 January to 4 February 2005. The report of the pre-session working group and the responses of States parties to the lists of issues and questions drawn up by the pre-session working group will be before the Committee (CEDAW/PSWG/2005/II/CRP.1 and 2 and addenda).

Documentation

Initial report of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (CEDAW/C/PRK/1)

Initial and second periodic reports of Lebanon (CEDAW/C/LBN/1 and CEDAW/C/LBN/2)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Benin (CEDAW/C/BEN/1-3)

Combined initial, second and third periodic report of Gambia (CEDAW/C/GMB/1-3)

Third periodic report of Israel (CEDAW/C/ISR/3)

Combined third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report of Guyana (CEDAW/C/GUY/3-6)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Burkina Faso (CEDAW/C/BFA/4-5)

Combined fourth and fifth periodic report of Ireland (CEDAW/C/IRL/4-5)

Report of the pre-session working group (CEDAW/C/2005/II/CRP.1 and Add.1 (Benin); Add.2 (Burkina Faso); Add.3 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea);

Add.4 (Gambia); Add.5 (Guyana); Add.6 (Ireland); Add.7 (Israel); and Add.8 (Lebanon))

Responses to list of issues (CEDAW/PSWG/2005/II/CRP.2 and Add. 1 (Benin); Add.2 (Burkina Faso); Add.3 (Democratic People's Republic of Korea); Add.4 (Gambia); Add.5 (Guyana); Add.6 (Ireland); Add.7 (Israel); and Add.8 (Lebanon))

Item 5
Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Article 21 of the Convention provides that the Committee may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of the reports and information received from States parties. It also provides that such suggestions and general recommendations shall be included in the report of the Committee together with comments, if any, from States parties.

At its thirty-second session, the Committee agreed to continue to work on a general recommendation on article 2 of the Convention. Its intersessional task force consisting of Ms. Dairiam, Mr. Flinterman, Ms. Gnacadja, Ms. Morvai, Ms. Pimentel and Ms. Simonovic as core members would continue to work on elements for a general recommendation on article 2, and the Committee agreed to discuss a first draft at its thirty-third session.

At its thirty-third session, the Committee will have before it elements for a general recommendation on article 2 of the Convention, prepared by the task force of the Committee.

Under this agenda item, the Committee provides opportunities for specialists from the specialized agencies and other United Nations bodies to present to the Committee, in plenary meeting, information related to specific articles of the Convention or to issues being considered for general recommendations and suggestions.

Article 22 of the Convention provides that the specialized agencies shall be entitled to be represented during the consideration of the implementation of such provisions of the Convention as fall within the scope of their activities and that the Committee may invite the specialized agencies to submit reports on the implementation of the Convention in those areas. At its thirty-third session, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on that subject (CEDAW/C/2005/II/3 and addenda).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on reports of specialized agencies on the implementation of the Convention in areas falling within the scope of their activities (CEDAW/C/2005/II/3)

Report of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (CEDAW/C/2005/II/3/Add.1)

Report of the World Health Organization (CEDAW/C/2005/II/3/Add.2)

Report of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (CEDAW/C/2005/II/3/Add.3)

Report of the International Labour Organization (CEDAW/C/2005/II/3/Add.4)

Elements for a general recommendation on article of the Convention (CEDAW/C/2005/II/4/Add.2)

Item 6
Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee

Before each session, the Secretariat prepares a pre-session report on ways and means of improving the work of the Committee, containing information provided by the Secretariat, comments made by members of the Committee or information on developments elsewhere in the human rights regime (CEDAW/C/2005/II/4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretariat on ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee (CEDAW/C/2005/4).

Item 7
Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

Following the entry into force of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women in December 2000, the Committee established a Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol. At its thirty-second session, the Committee appointed five members to serve on the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol, for a term of two years, until 31 December 2006.

The fifth session of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol took place from 31 January to 2 February 2005; the sixth session of the Working Group will be held from 29 June to 1 July 2005.

At its thirty-third session, the Committee will continue to implement its mandate under articles 2 and 8 of the Optional Protocol to the Convention.

Documentation

Report of the Working Group on Communications under the Optional Protocol at its fifth session (CEDAW/C/2005/I/WGCOP/WP.1); and its sixth session (CEDAW/C/2005/II/WGCOP/WP.1)

Item 8
Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session

At its tenth session, the Committee decided that the draft provisional agenda for the following session of the Committee would be approved at the end of the session.

Documentation

Draft provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session of the Committee

Item 9
Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-third session

Annex

Proposed organization of work

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation programme*
Tuesday, 5 July 2005		
684th meeting		
10-11.30 a.m.	**1**	Opening of the session
	2	Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
	3	Report of the Chairperson on activities undertaken between the thirty-second and thirty-third sessions of the Committee
	4	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: report of the pre-session working group
	5	Implementation of article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women: introductory statement
	6	Ways and means of expediting the work of the Committee: introductory statement
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)		Informal meeting with United Nations bodies and specialized agencies
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-6 p.m. (closed)	**5, 6 and 7**	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 6 July 2005		
685th meeting		Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention
	4 (*continued*)	Israel, third periodic report (CEDAW/C/ISR/3)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
686th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Israel (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
Thursday, 7 July 2005		
687th meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Benin, combined initial, second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/BEN/1-3)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
688th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Benin (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 8 July 2005		
689th meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Guyana, combined third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic report (CEDAW/C/GUY/3-6)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
690th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Guyana (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 11 July 2005		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**7**	Activities of the Committee under the Optional Protocol
3-4.30 p.m.		Informal meeting with non-governmental organizations
4.30-6 p.m. (closed)	**5 and 6**	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 12 July 2005		
691st meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Lebanon, initial and second periodic reports (CEDAW/C/LBN/1 and CEDAW/C/LBN/2)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
692nd meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Lebanon (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 13 July 2005		
693rd meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Ireland, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/IRL/4-5)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
694th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Ireland (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 14 July 2005		
695th meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Burkina Faso, combined fourth and fifth periodic report (CEDAW/C/BFA/4-5)
10-10.30 a.m.		Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Burkina Faso (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 15 July 2005		
696th meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Gambia, combined initial, second and third periodic report (CEDAW/C/GMB/1-3)
10-10.30 a.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
697th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Gambia (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Monday, 18 July 2005		

Date/time	*Agenda item*	*Documentation/programme*
698th meeting		
	4 (*continued*)	Democratic People's Republic of Korea, initial report (CEDAW/C/PRK/1)
10-10.30 a.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Introduction by the representative of the State party
10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.		Questions by experts and dialogue with the Committee
699th meeting		
3-5 p.m.	**4** (*continued*)	Democratic People's Republic of Korea (*continued*)
5-6 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Tuesday, 19 July 2005		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m.	**5 and 6**	Working Group of the Whole
Wednesday, 20 July 2005		
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	5	Discussion on general recommendation on article 2
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**4 and 7**	Working Group of the Whole
Thursday, 21 July 2005		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
3-6 p.m. (closed)	**5 and 6** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
Friday, 23 July 2005		
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed)	**4** (*continued*)	Working Group of the Whole
700th meeting		
3-4 p.m. (closed)	**5, 6 and 7** (*continued*)	Adoption of the report of the Working Group as a Whole
4-6 p.m.	**8**	Provisional agenda for the thirty-fourth session
	9	Adoption of the report of the Committee on its thirty-third session